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To: Wendy Morrow
Date: Tue, Sep 25, 2007 3:20 PM
Subject: Fwd: RE: Soledad Mountain Road - Next step

Wendy:

I want to have a total of \$250K in the Soledad Mountain Road sublet.

Thanks, jamal

CC: Dave Zoumaras

From: Jamal Batta
To: Dave Zoumaras
Date: Tue, Sep 25, 2007 3:29 PM
Subject: Fwd: RE: Soledad Mountain Road - Next step

Dave:

Please you or Afshin talk to Mario so he is in the loop regarding borrowing the \$250K.

Thanks, jamal

From: Rob Hawk
To: Batta, Jamal; Handal, Michael; Hart, Mike; Helenschmidt, Stan
Date: Tue, Sep 25, 2007 4:56 PM
Subject: Photos of Soledad Mtn Road

Thought you might like these; I did a brief recon with the Fire Dept. They have cooler resources than Engineering.
Rob

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Richard Haas - Re: Fwd: more on the landslide problems on Mt. Soledad

From: Alex Ruiz
To: Bill Harris; Jim Barrett; Richard Haas
Date: 9/25/2007 11:27 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: more on the landslide problems on Mt. Soledad
CC: Afshin Oskoui; David Jarrell; Hossein Ruhj; Jim Fisher; Rob Hawk; Stan Medina

Jim/Bill/Rich:

All 14 temporary service connections previously identified for hiling have been installed. Today Water crews are performing the final "cut and plug" to isolate the water main. Once that is accomplished, the hiline operation will be complete.

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From: Ray Palmucci
To: Alex Ruiz; Bill Harris; Jim Barrett; Richard Haas
Date: 9/25/2007 11:41:51 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Potential landslide issues in La Jolla

Dear all;

The account provided below that "several hydrants were shut off in several neighborhoods at the request of the city attorney's office -- the action was related to the lawsuit" is incorrect. The highline plan, including the element related to fire protection, was completed by Water Department personnel according to City standards to protect the water main. That action is not related to the lawsuit.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Jim/Rich:

I just clarified for Fire PIO (Luque) the facts regarding Caminito Avola and Hillside (he was confusing the issues). We should all be on the same page at this point...

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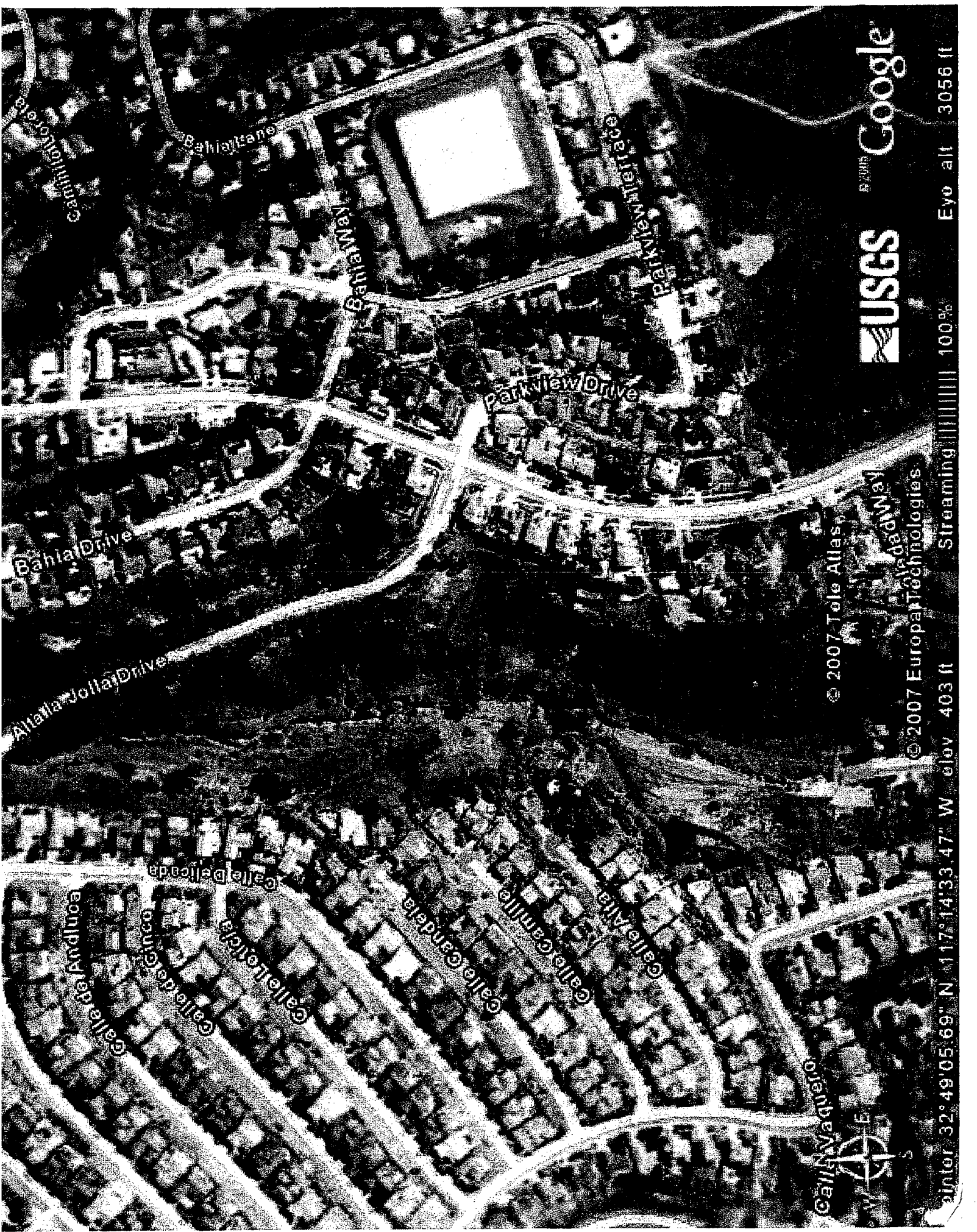
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To: Luque, Maurice
Date: September 25, 2007 1:33:02 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: more on the landslide problems on Mt. Soledad/

At some point, an aerial reconnaissance over this area and the north side of Mount Soledad area would be helpful for this issue. However, not for the drainage, but to look at/photograph the east-facing hillside below Desert View Drive for indications of additional instability, and the north side above La Jolla Parkway. As I'm located at Aero Drive next to Montgomery Field, by Eastern Division PD, when it is convenient for some activity you're already conducting give me a call; mornings and early afternoons are best for light & sun angle. About 30 minutes, tops.

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From: Afshin Oskoui
To: Tracy Jarman
Date: 9/25/2007 2:08:52 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: more on the landslide problems on Mt. Soledad/

Hi Tracy,

We appreciate Maurice's effort to keep folks on the 11th floor informed of what is happening. We have a project team that's working on this issue, including keeping everyone in the loop (Mayor and Council Offices included). The other element was to notify Public Safety about our efforts, and also alerting you for the purposes of preparedness. Given the public liability issues, technical interpretations should be left/referred to the subject matter experts for clarification. If there are any questions please don't hesitate to contact us directly. Thanks, Afshin

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Jim Fisher - 5700 Soledad Mt. Rd.

From: Stan Medina
To: Alex Ruiz
Date: 9/25/2007 2:55 PM
Subject: 5700 Soledad Mt. Rd.
CC: Jim Fisher

Alex,

We will have completed all of the associated water main and hiline work by closing today. We have a total 14 water services on hiline. The street trenches are being poured today. The entire site will be thoroughly cleaned up tomorrow.

Thanks

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From: "Afshin Oskoui" <AOskoui@SanDiego.gov>
To: <jbatta@sandiego.gov>, <AOskoui@sandiego.gov>
Date: September 25, 2007 3:00:54 PM
Subject: RE: Soledad Mountain Road - Next step

Jamal, lets move forward on that bases. We will need to then work w/ FM to replinsh the fund duringg the mid year budget adjustment. Thanks, afshin

-----Original Message-----

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Afshin:

Tammy approved the sole source memo to select the consultant. I filled out the required paperwork for P & C. They released the boiler plates agreement and I forward them yesterday to the consultant to review and to prepare all exhibits and any other requirements. The consultant called me this morning with his questions and I answered them. I think that the consultant will be ready to submit the signed agreement by tomorrow or so. I'll then process the agreement along with the 1544 through the city system. The agreement will include inclinometers installation and monitoring, geotechnical investigations, construction drawings.

The best and fastest way to handle funding the consultant work is to tap the consultant work into one of the annual allocations (e.g. AA for Emergency Drainage). It is easy to create a sublet from the AA for this project since it is under the \$250K. We can then process the 1544 and the geotechnical agreement to hire the consultant. Basically the AA will be fronting the money. Later on and once funding is identified, we will process a 1472 to move back what we have borrowed from the AA. I would like to get going on the 1544 to process the consultant agreement so we can begin the soil investigation. This is the fastest way to get the consultant going with his work. Please give me your approval to move forward on this.

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>>> Peter Yee 9/21/2007 10:27 AM >>>

Jamal, our director has spoke with Jay Goldstone's office on funding for the Geological expert for inclinometer monitoring etc which you said would cost about 60k. Jay has stated at this time these geological expenses should come from the Engineering funds. At this point no claims pending and it is unclear what is causing the movement.

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I am copying Stan Madina from the Water Department since he is in charge of the water main hi-line as to which Fire Hydrant will be impacted.

Stan: Please respond as to which FH will / are impacted by the hi-line.

Thanks, Jamal
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>>> Rob Hawk 9/25/2007 4:05 PM >>>

Thanks Maurice. Chief Chriss Brainard & I went up & looked at the canyon & the portion of Soledad Mountain road. The affected homes are shown on the attached graphic & the addresses are also shown.

Chief Brainard was concerned about which hydrants are affected, and whether or not they have sufficient fire flow. I'm copying the project managers, Michael Handal & Jamall Batta for their response & to please contact Chief Brainard with the information as soon as possible. I understand we have, or are planning to, cut off the hydrant in front of 5704 and the one in the alley at 5734 Desert View Drive.

We confirmed that the fissure-like feature was a channel and not a hazard at this time.

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Date: Tue, Sep 25, 2007 5:31 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: more on the landslide problems on Mt. Soledad/

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Hasan/Jim

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Thank You Tom Crabbe

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From: Rob Hawk <RHawk@sandiego.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2007 9:30 am
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers
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> Mr. Crabbe: Contractors should be on your road today working on
> sealingthe pavement. Road Works Inc., the crack sealers, should
> be at the site
> now. Be sure to call the hotline number; Carol can probably get
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> the
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> Subject: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers
> To: yluza@aol.com, tac@san.rr.com

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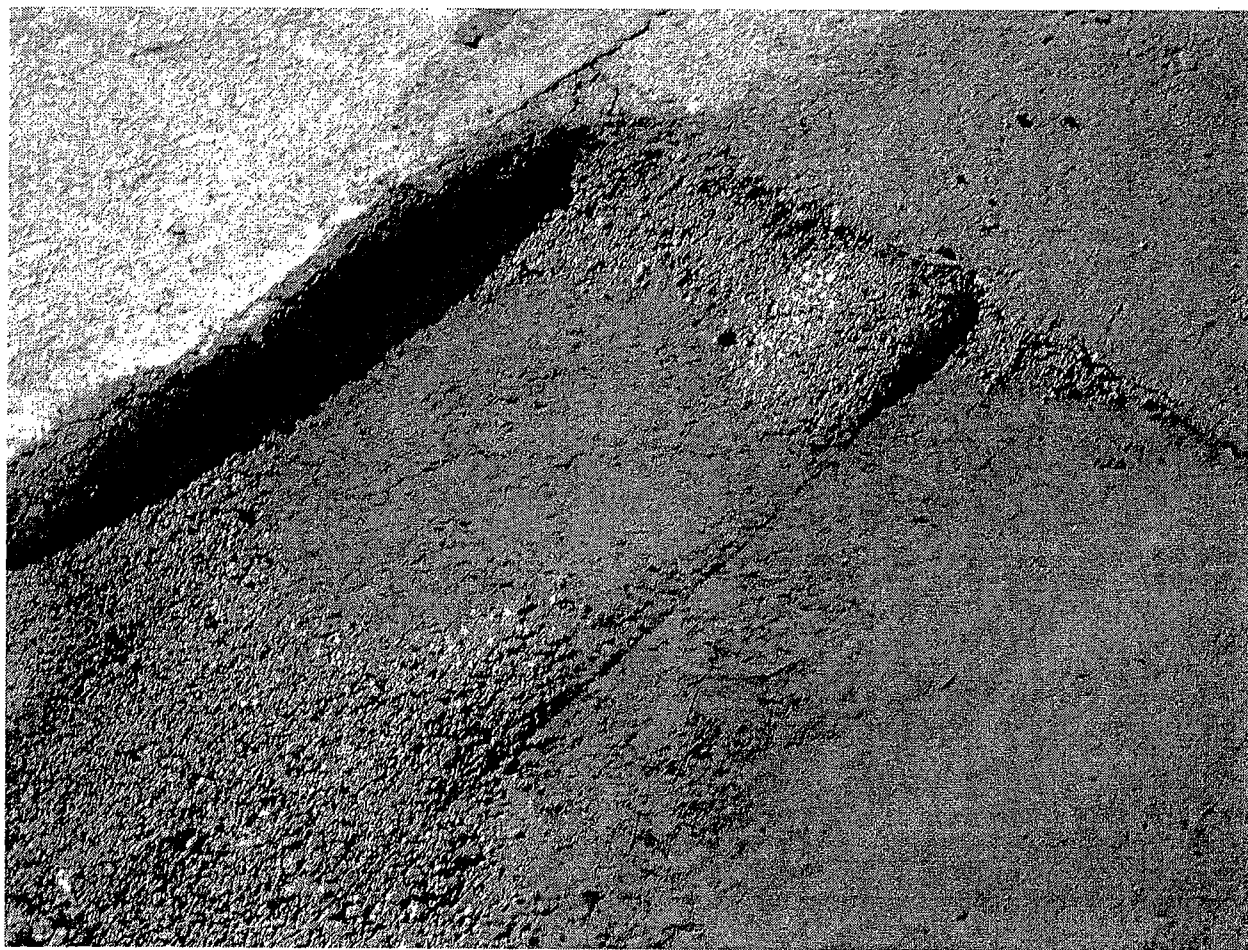
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To: Stan Medina
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Subject: Thanks!

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Date: 9/25/2007 6:08:43 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

I talked last week to Traffic Ops to reduce the speed on the road to 25mph. I will also discuss with them the possibility of diverting big trucks from traveling on the road. we fill the cracks last week but we don't know what is underneath the road (e.g. voids). Therefore, reducing the speed along with diverting large trucks could help to reduce the vibration and load on the road.....thanks, jamal

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>>> Afshin Oskoui 9/25/2007 5:57 PM >>>

Hasan/Jim

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>>> Rob Hawk 09/25/2007 5:34:53 PM >>>

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CC: Dave Zoumaras; David Jarrell; Deborah Van Wanseele; Duncan Hughes; Hossein Ruhi; Jim Barrett; Jim Fisher; John Brown; Mario Sierra; Marnell Gibson; Michael Handal; Richard Haas; Stan Medina

From: Rob Hawk
To: JBatta@sandiego.gov,AOskoui@sandiego.gov,MHandal@sandiego.gov,JFisher@sandiego.gov,HYousef@sandiego.gov
Date: 9/25/2007 8:53:18 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

Thanks Jamal. That will go a long way in helping our relationship with the residents. Mr. Crabbe is a sort of neighborhood leader so I'm glad you got to meet him; most of the others talk to him & respect his opinion. Rob

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>>> Jamal Batta 09/25/07 8:42 PM >>>

FYI _ I just came from the job site. nothing is serious. As I suspected, the SDG&E patch around their connection was not done good. It is a 2ft X 1 ft trench. it seems that a car passed over it and the trench settled /deflected. The SDG&E patch is not in the travel lane or the bike lane. It is located in the car parking lane. The person who sent the photo was outside and we talked about it.

Respectfully,

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Jim Fisher - Fwd: Thanks!

From: Stan Medina
To: Alex Ruiz; Jim Fisher
Date: 9/26/2007 7:54 AM
Subject: Fwd: Thanks!

Alex & Jim,
Here's a message from Lorraine Hutchinson: SDFD Deputy Fire Chief.
Thanks

Stan Medina
Construction Program Manager
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>>> Lorraine Hutchinson 9/25/2007 6:06:58 PM >>>
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Stan Medina - Soledad Mountain Rd.

From: Bernard Powell
To: Medina, Stan
Date: 9/26/2007 7:53:24 AM
Subject: Soledad Mountain Rd.
CC: Ballesteros, Jesse

In the 5600 and 5700 block of Soledad MTN. Rd. the C.I.P. section performed the following functions.

- (1) Hi line 14 homes. (1,600' of 2" hi line)
- (2) Installed new fire hydrant in front of 5672 Soledad MTN. Rd. 30' north of the water service.
- (3) Cut & plug the 12" A.C. water main in front of 5745 Soledad MTN. Rd. 7' south of the water service at that location and at 5635 Soledad MTN. 9' south of the water service. The water main between those two points along with the fire hydrant is out of service. The new fire hydrant is in service.

From: Jamal Batta
To: Carol Drummond; Jamal Batta; Keely Sweeney; Rob Hawk
Date: Wed, Sep 26, 2007
Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Subject: Soledad Mountain Road
Place: Executive AComplex - 8th flr , east conference rm

I scheduled a meeting with Keely from CD1 to update her on what we have done to date and what we anticipate to do in the near future. You are welcome to attend if you can.....jamal,

CC: Afshin Oskoui; Jaymie Bradford

Jim Barrett - Hilines and Fire Flow support - Mt Soledad

From: Alex Ruiz
To: Jim Barrett
Date: 9/26/2007 8:03 AM
Subject: Hilines and Fire Flow support - Mt Soledad

Jim: See attached.. looks like we are working well with Deputy Fire Chief to ensure their needs are met. I will confirm that Mt Soledad Road issues are buttoned up...

Alex

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Assistant Director
Water Department

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From: Jamal Batta
To: Afshin Oskoui; Jaymie Bradford; Richard Haas
Date: 9/26/2007 11:20:57 AM
Subject: Soledad Mountain Road

FYI:

The impacted houses along Soledad Mountain Rd are located in the CD2 portion of the road. I talked to Thyme Curtis from CD2. We agreed to meet on 10/3 to update them on our efforts. I'll put you on the e mail appointment in the event that you would like to attend.

Thanks, jamal

From: "Jim Fisher" <JFisher@sandiego.gov>
To: <SMedina@sandiego.gov>, <JFisher@sandiego.gov>, <RuizA@sandiego.gov>
Date: 9/26/2007 8:28:02 AM
Subject: RE: Fwd: Thanks!

Stan, Great job. Keep up the good work. Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: "Stan Medina" SMedina@sandiego.gov
To: JFisher@sandiego.gov; RuizA@sandiego.gov
Sent: 9/26/07 8:00 AM
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Stan Medina - Re: Fwd: Potential landslide issues in La Jolla

From: Stan Medina
To: Jim Barrett
Date: 9/26/2007 9:04:29 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Potential landslide issues in La Jolla

Jim,

After reading Mr. Luque's statements yesterday, I can only say I was very surprised. I've attached (below) an email I received from Lorraine Hutchinson last night. I think it speaks for itself.

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>>> Jim Barrett 9/25/2007 10:45:49 AM >>>

Absolutely... the report by the fire department PIO is somewhat inflammatory and not consistent with the events as I understand them... I am told that we worked very closely with the fire department before the main was taken out of service to ascertain the location of temporary hydrants when we "high lined" a section of pipe for about ten houses.

We have had a number of meetings (last one 9/17 with Rich, next one 10/1, 0800, 600 B stret, Conf rm 8A). You are invited to the next one. Rob Hawk or Afshin can provide engineering approach moving forward. jim

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>>> Bill Harris 09/25/07 10:30 AM >>>

I would appreciate a summary of current conditions and next steps for this issue. Please let me know if I can

come hear a status report. Thanks.

Bill

>>> Maurice Luque 9/25/2007 9:55 AM >>>

Fred, George, Bill:

Just in case you are not aware of this...

there are potential landslide problems in La Jolla on the north side of Mt. Soledad. The area is along several streets of hillside homes where there was a landslide that damaged several houses last winter. That incident caused a current \$4 million lawsuit against the city by a homeowners association. The group is claiming the city's leaking waterlines are undermining hillside areas.

Recently, unknown to the fire department, several hydrants were shut off in several neighborhoods at the request of the city attorney's office -- the action was related to the lawsuit. We discovered the shutoff by accident and worked with Stan Medina, the water department's construction program manager, to resolve the situation as his department works to disconnect certain pipelines and re-route and reinstall others to help remedy the potential landslide situation.

Meantime, one of our shift commanders has discovered a crack or fissure in doing a Google satellite view search of the area and the water department has been notified.

From: Rob Hawk
To: tac@san.rr.com
Date: September 26, 2007 9:16:23 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

Thanks Tom. When I'm out there, I'll try to get a look at 5685, so far I've not seen any issues at that lot. Do you know Mr. Parker's first name? Is he a City employee? Or is he the owner of 5685? I'll check our records on the laterals too.

Thanks

Rob Hawk

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>>> <tac@san.rr.com> 09/26/07 9:01 PM >>>

Rob,

Andy Rusnak and I watched the sewer crew today, down by 5685 soledad mtn rd. They came upon a clog of rocks and mud. Andy asked Mr. Parker where the rock and mud were coming from and he said the lateral is broken and the rock is new rock from yesterday's construction. The lateral is not going to 5685, the sewer from 5685 flows down to desert view not to soledad mtn. rd. The lateral must be from the old home that used to be there. As you know 5685 is having problems as are many homes on soledad mtn rd. The owner has mention to other neighbors he has noticed moisture soaking under his garage lately. I just thought this might be important.

Thanks Tom

----- Original Message -----

From: Rob Hawk <rhawk@sandiego.gov>
Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2007 5:37 pm
Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers
To: tac@san.rr.com
Cc: Jamal Batta <JBatta@sandiego.gov>, Michael Handal <MHandal@sandiego.gov>

> Thanks Tom; I will pass it along to the project manager. Rob Hawk

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> >>> <tac@san.rr.com> 09/25/07 4:20 PM >>>
> Mr. Hawk,
>
> The large trucks traveling by are causing large sink holes in the
> new
> repair areas these are in front of 5695 soledad mtn rd. large
> amounts
> of water from the gutter is seeping into the street. can it please
> be
> repaired to keep any further damage to the street and surrounding
> areas. this large hole is over the gas line repair.
>
> Thank You Tom Crabbe
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Rob Hawk <RHawk@sandiego.gov>
> Date: Thursday, September 20, 2007 9:30 am
> Subject: Re: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to
> customers
> To: tac@san.rr.com
>
> > Mr. Crabbe: Contractors should be on your road today working on
> > sealing the pavement. Road Works Inc., the crack sealers, should
> > be at the site
> > now. Be sure to call the hotline number; Carol can probably get
> > back to
> > you faster than I can.
> >
> > Rob Hawk
> >
> > >>> <tac@san.rr.com> 9/20/07 6:49:42 AM >>>
> > The large gaps in the road and along the curb on the even side
> > of
> > the
> > road need to be sealed. It rained last night and will rain more
> > next
> > two days. There's another gas leak in front of 5695 soledad mtn
> > rd. I
> > called gas company last night they are to come out today.
> >
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: Rob Hawk <RHawk@sandiego.gov>
> > Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 3:49 pm
> > Subject: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to
> > customers
> > To: yluza@aol.com, tac@san.rr.com
> >
> > > You should be finding a letter like the attached delivered to
> > you
> > > today or tomorrow. As it says, we will be doing some work up